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26th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

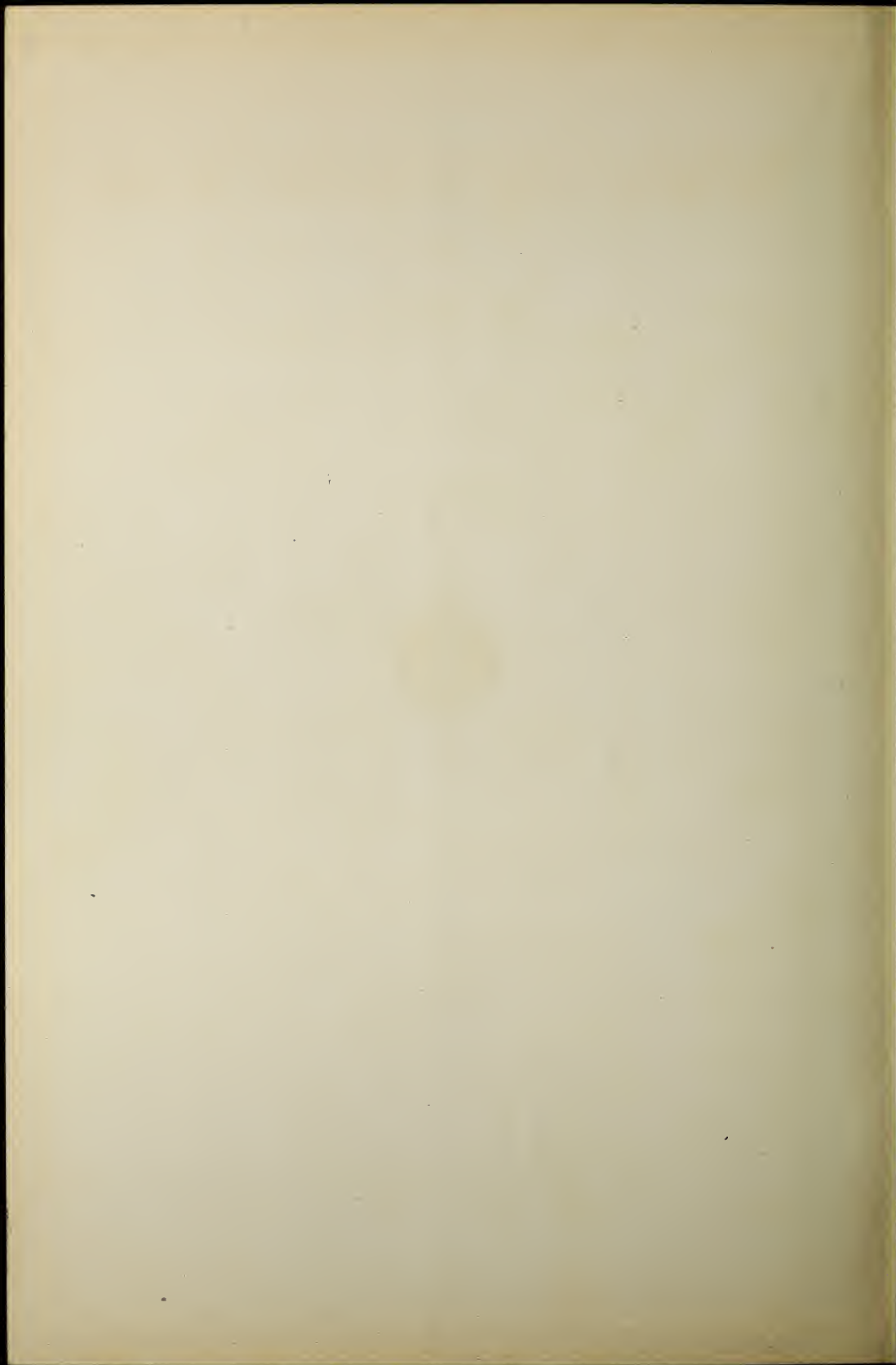


The AMERICAN LEGION

CHICAGO

September-18-19-20-1944







The AMERICAN LEGION...

Twenty Sixth Annual Convention

CONVENTION HALL, COLISEUM

1513 SO. WABASH AVENUE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

SEPTEMBER 18-19-20, 1944



Twenty Fourth Annual Convention
American Legion Auxiliary



Twenty Fifth Annual Promenade Nationale
La Societe Des 40 Homes Et 8 Chevaux



Twenty Third Annual Marche Nationale
La Boutique Des 8 Chapeaux Et 40 Femmes



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

President of the United States

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1944.

TO THE AMERICAN LEGION:

The Annual Convention of The American Legion—held this year in the midst of a global war—will arouse vivid memories of the part which Legion members were playing in the September days of 1918. In the present unhappy conflict which rends the world today—whether on our far-flung battle fronts, or in supporting the war effort on production lines, in bond sale campaigns, in the maintenance of morale or in the manifold activities which day by day hasten the hour of victory—the Legion is bearing its full part.

In war and in peace, the experience, the energy, and the loyalty of members of the Legion are a national asset of incalculable value.



WARREN H. ATHERTON

National Commander, The American Legion

We meet in Chicago for the third time. We come here in 1944 with the largest membership and the greatest opportunity of service to God and Country in our history.

The days of building for a better America and world are almost here. Victory is crowning our war efforts. Difficult problems of peace lie before us.

The actions of the 26th national convention of The American Legion will reflect the shape of things to come—whether we will meet the challenge of our greatest responsibility—doing our part to assure a future in which peace will be enduringly safeguarded, prosperity based on free decision assured, and opportunity and a square deal forthcoming for the men and women who bore the physical burden of the defense of the nation.



JOHN J. PERSHING

WASHINGTON

COMRADES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

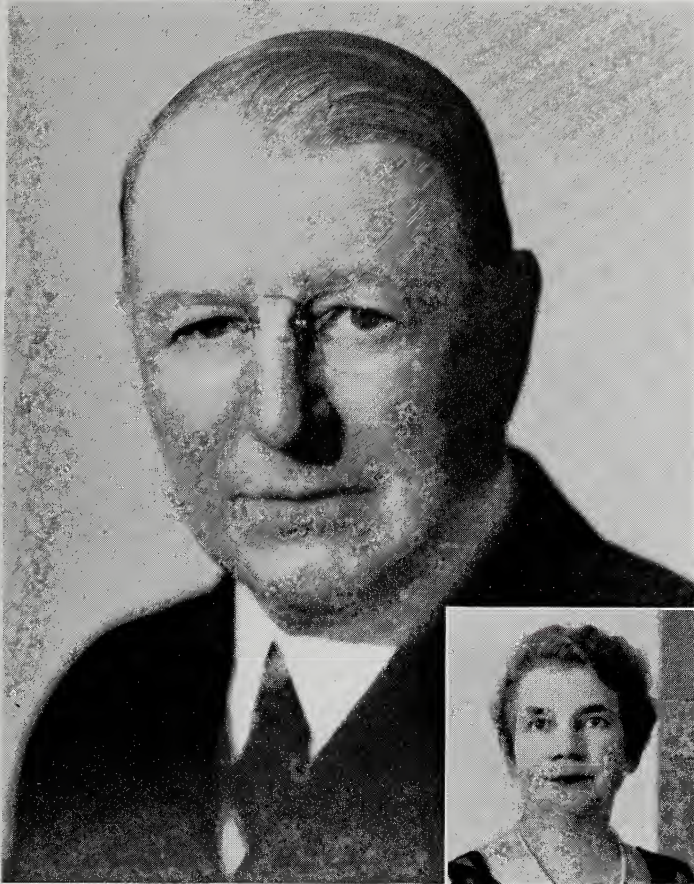
Permit me, on the occasion of this, the twenty-sixth annual national convention, to extend to you my most cordial greetings, and to express my real regret that circumstances deny me the pleasure of being with you.

This convention another war-time meeting, follows a year of continued effort by the membership in every phase of our war activity, and marked by particularly valuable and fruitful endeavors in behalf of those in the service and their dependents.

The present substantial growth of the Legion is at once an inspiration and a challenge. Ever a potent force for good government and good citizenship, with added strength and influence it acquires new responsibilities. With ranks augmented by veterans of World War II—these younger men who too have evidenced their love of country—wider opportunities for public service are presented. They will be met, I am confident, and your greater obligations discharged in a spirit of patriotism and continued devotion to the preservation of the nation's exalted ideals.

With pleasant recollections of past meetings in which I have been privileged to participate, I send to all my kindest regards and most affectionate good wishes.

(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING



HON. FRANK KNOX

Late Secretary of the Navy

By action of the National Executive Committee, American Legion, the American Legion Distinguished Service Medal will be presented posthumously to the Hon. Frank Knox, late Secretary of the Navy and one of the founders of The American Legion. The presentation will be made to Mrs. Frank Knox (inset picture) at the National Convention in Chicago, Wednesday, September 20, 1944.

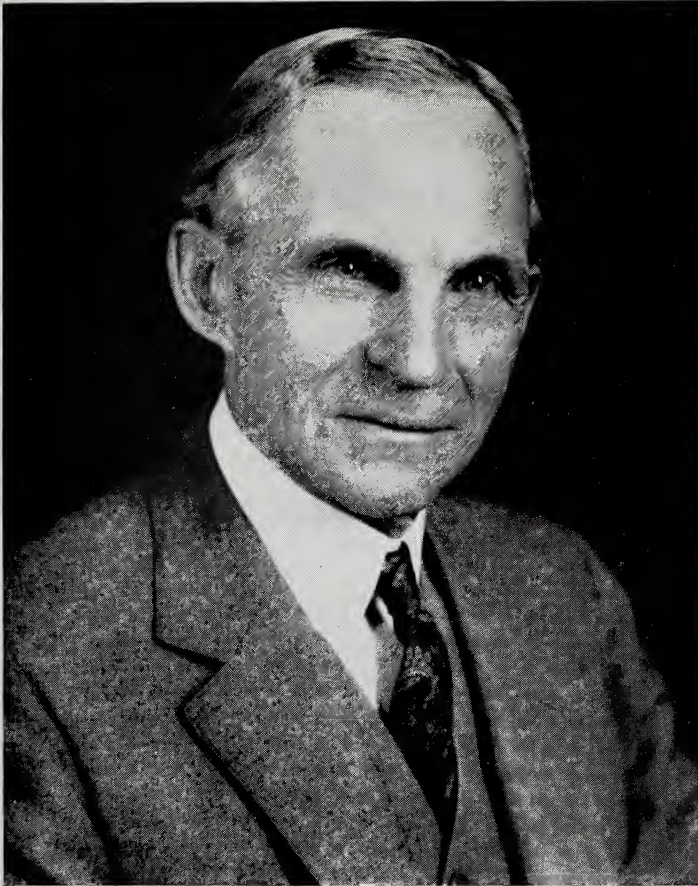


GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD

Commanding General Army Air Forces

Prior to World War I, General Arnold pioneered for adequate planes, equipment, and personnel for the Army Air Corps and the Army Air Forces. As a result he is responsible to a large extent for the tremendous development of the United States Army airpower which has played such an important part in the winning of the great battles of World War II.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution, the National Executive Committee of The American Legion voted to award General Arnold the Distinguished Service Medal of The American Legion. This award will be made by the National Commander, Warren H. Atherton, at the opening session of the Convention, September 18.

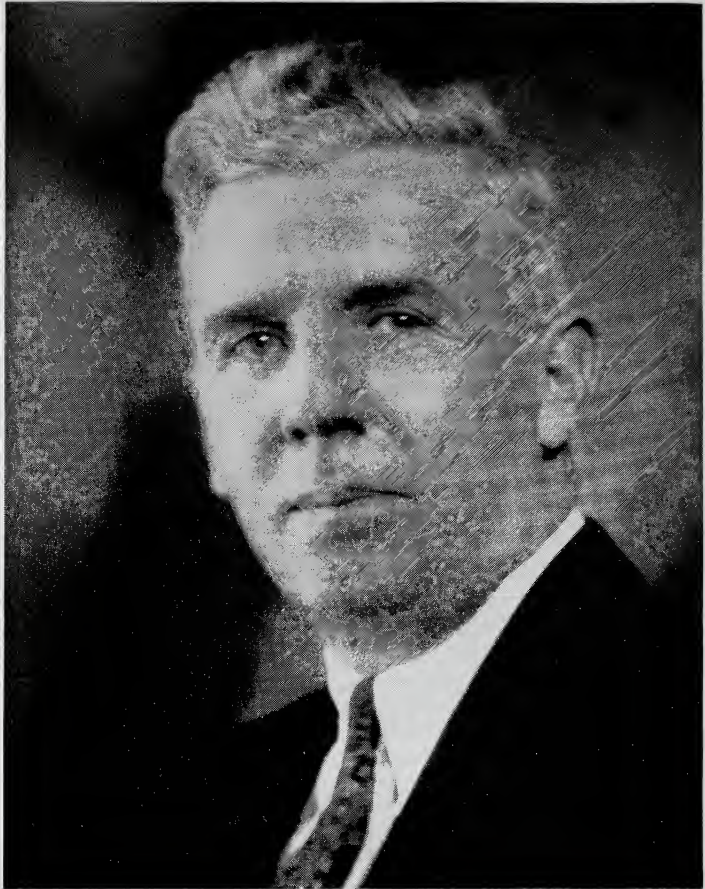


HENRY FORD

There has been no other one person during the past twenty-five years who has done more for the veterans of World War I and II than Mr. Henry Ford.

Mr. Ford was a pioneer in the industrial field in the employment of disabled and handicapped people, and has always given preference in his plants to honorably discharged veterans. He and Mrs. Ford are the donors of the site upon which is located the Veterans Facility at Dearborn, Michigan. Soon after the end of World War I Mr. Ford opened the Ford Hospital at Detroit for the care of battle casualties before there was any government hospital program for the care of the disabled of that war.

The American Legion, in an attempt to express a small measure of gratitude, will award to Henry Ford its Distinguished Service Medal on Tuesday, September 19, 1944, during a session of its National Convention.



HOWARD P. SAVAGE

Born—Boone, Iowa, January 3, 1884.

Died—U. S. Veterans Administration Hospital, Hines, Ill., May 7, 1944.

Howard P. Savage served as National Commander of The American Legion during 1926-27 which marked one of the milestones of the organization's history.

It was during this year that The American Legion's Junior Baseball program for the physical and citizenship training of American youth was born. He led The American Legion's first National Pilgrimage to France in 1927 when the ninth annual convention was held in Paris. He served as first president of The American Legion's \$5,000,000 child welfare and rehabilitation endowment fund corporation.

In his death The American Legion lost a beloved leader. His friends numbered many thousands. The paths of endeavor which he broke have become avenues of progress in the history of The American Legion.



BRIG. GEN. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

Born—Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1887.

Died—At the front in Normandy, France, July 12, 1944.

More than any other individual, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the 26th President of the United States, was responsible for launching the movement which gave birth to The American Legion. He set the stage for the Paris caucus. He served as temporary chairman of the St. Louis Mo., caucus at which the organization of The American Legion was completed.

Elected by acclamation as permanent chairman of the St. Louis caucus, he refused to accept the post lest his doing so might reflect on the purpose of the new organization. He devoted his full time to American Legion organization work during the critical first year, served on many national committees subsequently.

In his death The American Legion lost its founder, benefactor and an object of immense popularity with the rank and file of Legionnaires. He died as he lived—in gallant action.

He left a living memorial—The American Legion which he fathered and nurtured, and which will carry on the service to God and Country to which he dedicated himself and gave his life.



DWIGHT H. GREEN
Governor of the State of Illinois

The National Convention of The American Legion in Chicago this year may well be one of the most important conclaves in the history of our great organization. Dedicated to the service of our country, in war or peace, and devoted to the welfare of those who have fought for their country—either in the first World War, or in this greatest of global struggles—the decisions we make now, in this crucial hour before victory, may set the pattern for Legion growth and activity for many years to come.

With complete confidence in the success of The American Legion program for veterans, and in the sincerity and ability of the comrades who will guide the destiny of our organization in the immediate future, I bid the delegates of this convention a hearty welcome on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois and personally I extend my best wishes for a pleasant visit to the great City of Chicago.

Fraternally yours,

DWIGHT H. GREEN,
Governor



MAYOR EDWARD J. KELLY
City of Chicago

GREETINGS

As chief executive of the City of Chicago, I am happy to have this opportunity, in behalf of the people of our city, to extend a warm welcome to the members of the American Legion and their families who will attend the National Convention.

We are proud, indeed, that you of the Legion have for the third time selected Chicago as the site for your National Convention. We are delighted to have you back with us again.

Chicago's reputation for hospitality and our facilities for amusement and recreation are unexcelled. It is my personal hope that during your sojourn here you will take fullest advantage of what Chicago has to offer. It is my hope that you will fully enjoy our boulevards, parks, theatres and places of worship. I particularly invite you to inspect our Service Men's Centers in order that you may see at first hand what Chicagoans have done to provide wholesome recreation, food, entertainment and amusement to more than 13 million men and women in uniform since a few days before Pearl Harbor.

Hoping that your stay here will be a memorable one in every respect, and with cordial good wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD J. KELLY, Mayor



LEONARD W. ESPER

Commander Department of Illinois

GREETINGS, LEGIONNAIRES:

The Department of Illinois, The American Legion, welcomes you cordially and sincerely offers you all of its facilities for the promotion and achievement of the momentous problems at hand.

By your past record for honest endeavor and worthwhile performance, the National Convention of 1944, with its tremendous program for the care, rehabilitation, and adjustment of the returning veteran, bids fair to stand as one of our most meritorious assemblies.

The Legionnaires of Illinois graciously offer you the hospitality of the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. It is our desire that your stay be both pleasant and profitable.

As the Commander of the Department of Illinois I salute you and bid you welcome.



COL. A. A. SPRAGUE, *Honorary Chairman*
FRANCIS E. PHELAN, *General Chairman*
PHILIP COLLINS, *Chairman Executive Committee*
1944 National Convention Committee



HECTOR G. STAPLES—MAINE
Vice Commander

MARTIN V. COFFEY—OHIO
Vice Commander

E. A. LITTLEFIELD—UTAH
Vice Commander

ROY L. McMILLAN—N. CAROLINA
Vice Commander

EDWARD A. MULROONEY—DELAWARE
Vice Commander



REV. JOHN F. McMANUS—KANSAS
Chaplain

JOHN R. RUDDICK—INDIANA
Treasurer

DON. G. GLASCOFF—MICHIGAN
Adjutant

RALPH B. GREGG—INDIANA
Judge Advocate

THOMAS M. OWEN, JR.—ALABAMA
Historian



Official Program
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
The American Legion
SEPTEMBER 18, 19 AND 20, 1944
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Advance Committee Meetings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1944

	PLACE OF MEETING
9:00 A.M. Resolutions Assignment Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Club Building
9:00 A.M. National Defense Committee } Civil Defense Committee } Merchant Marine Committee } Naval Affairs Committee }	Palmer House 7th Floor, Room 796
9:00 A.M. Executive Section of National Rehabilitation Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M. Liaison with National Rehabilitation Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M. Rehabilitation Vocational Training Advisory Board.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
10:00 A.M. National Constitution and By-laws Committee.....	Palmer House 3rd Floor, Room 2
9:00 A.M. National Finance Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Powder Room
9:00 A.M. National Labor Relations Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 791

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1944

9:00 A.M. Committee of Service Officers to Assist on Rehabilitation Resolutions.....	Palmer House 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M. National Aeronautics Commission.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 792
9:00 A.M. National Employment Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 798
9:00 A.M. National Finance Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Powder Room





SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1944 — Continued

9:00 A.M. National Defense Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor Room 796
9:00 A.M. Civil Defense Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 792
9:00 A.M. Merchant Marine Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 793
9:00 A.M. Naval Affairs Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 790
9:00 A.M. Constitution and By-Laws Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 2
9:00 A.M. Executive Section, National Rehabilitation Committee	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M. Liaison with National Rehabilitation Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M. Rehabilitation Vocational Training Advisory Board.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M. National Labor Relations Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 791
9:00 A.M. World War II Liaison Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 788
9:00 A.M. Subcommittee on Retirement Plan.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M. Resolutions Subcommittee of the National Executive Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 797
9:00 A.M. Subcommittee on Enlarging National Headquarters' Space.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 789
9:00 A.M. National Convention Liaison Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 1
9:00 A.M. Trustees and Fund Raising Committee, Americanism Endowment Fund.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 5
9:00 A.M. Subcommittee with Harry Colmery, <i>Chairman</i> , as continued from previous meeting of Na- tional Executive Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Ass't Nat'l Adjutant's Office
9:00 A.M. Committee on Survey of National Cemeteries.....	Palmer House, Room of Chairman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944

9:00 A.M. National Americanism Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 789
9:00 A.M. National Employment Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 798
9:00 A.M. National Emblem Committee.....	Palmer House, Room of C. A. MORRIS, <i>Director</i>
9:00 A.M. Executive Section, Law and Order Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 790





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944 — Continued

9:00 A.M.	Legal Publications Commission.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 4
9:00 A.M.	Liaison with Legion Publications.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 4
9:00 A.M.	National Legislative Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 792
9:00 A.M.	National Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 793
9:00 A.M.	Executive Section of Veterans' Preference Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 1
9:00 A.M.	War Transportation Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 2
9:00 A.M.	Executive Section, National Child Welfare Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 3
9:00 A.M.	Liaison with National Child Welfare Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 3
9:00 A.M.	Sons of The American Legion Conference.....	Palmer House, 4th Floor, Room 17
9:00 A.M.	National Defense Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 796
9:00 A.M.	National Finance Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Powder Room
9:00 A.M.	Committee of Service Officers on Rehabilitation Resolutions.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 795
9:00 A.M.	National Coordinating Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Asst. Adj. Burns Office
9:00 A.M.	World War II Liaison Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 788
9:00 A.M.	Resolutions Subcommittee of the National Executive Committee.....	Palmer House, 7th Floor, Room 797
9:00 A.M.	Trustees of Americanism Endowment.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 5
10:00 A.M.	Meeting of National and Assistant National Sergeants-at-Arms	Stage of Chicago Coliseum
10:00 A.M.	Commission on Post War America.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Room 6
12:00 NOON	Convention Committee on Credentials.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Crystal Room
12:15 P.M.	Convention Committee on Permanent Organization	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Crystal Room
12:30 P.M.	Convention Committee on Rules.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Crystal Room
2:00 P.M.	National Executive Committee.....	Palmer House, 3rd Floor, Crystal Room
3:00 P.M.	National Child Welfare Conference.....	Palmer House, 4th Floor, Room 17
8:00 P.M.	Patriotic and Religious Services (See page 22 in this book)	Grand Ball Room, Sherman Hotel





CONVENTION SESSIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

Joint Session, The American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary

- 9:00 A.M. Music:
Musicians Post No. 662, *National Champions of The American Legion*
- 9:30 A.M. Call to Order: WARREN H. ATHERTON (California), *National Commander*
Invocation..... REV. JOHN F. MCMANUS (Kansas) *National Chaplain*
Advancement of Colors
Solo: "STAR SPANGLED BANNER"..... JOHN CARTER, *Official Soloist*
(*Courtesy of 9th Naval District*)
Call for Convention DONALD G. GLASCOFF (Michigan) *National Adjutant*
- 9:50 A.M. Addresses of Welcome:
HONORABLE DWIGHT H. GREEN..... *Governor, State of Illinois*
HONORABLE EDWARD J. KELLY..... *Mayor, City of Chicago*
DR. L. W. ESPEY..... *1943-44 Commander, The Department of Illinois*
The American Legion
FRANCIS E. PHELAN..... *Chairman, The American Legion 1944*
National Convention Committee
- 10:00 A.M. Response: STEPHEN F. CHADWICK (Washington) *Past National Commander*
Greetings:
MRS. LAWRENCE W. SMITH, *National President American Legion Auxiliary*
OSCAR C. LAMP..... *Chef de Chemin de Fer, Forty and Eight*
- 11:00 A.M. Address..... HONORABLE HARRY S. TRUMAN, *U. S. Senator from Missouri*
- 11:30 A.M. Memorial Services..... REV. JOHN F. MCMANUS, *National Chaplain*
"There Is No Death" (O'Hara) JOHN CARTER, *Official Soloist*
(*Courtesy of 9th Naval District*)
Memorial Address..... REV. JOHN F. MCMANUS, *National Chaplain*
Tribute to BRIGADIER GENERAL THEODORE ROOSEVELT..... MARSHALL FIELD
Member Original Organizing Committee, The American Legion
Silent Prayer
Taps
- 12:10 P.M. Committee Reports:
(a) Credentials..... *Committee Chairman*
(b) Rules..... *Committee Chairman*
(c) Permanent Organization..... *Committee Chairman*
- 12:30 P.M. Presentation of American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to
GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD, *Commanding, U. S. Army*
Air Forces, by WARREN H. ATHERTON, *National Commander*
- 12:40 P.M. Response..... GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD,
Commanding, U. S. Army Air Forces
Presentation of Distinguished Guests.
- 12:45 P.M. Remarks..... Pfc. ALTON W. KNAPPENBERGER, U.S.A.
Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
- 1:00 P.M. Address..... HONORABLE JOHN W. BRICKER, *Governor, State of Ohio*
- 1:30 P.M. Report to the Convention..... WARREN H. ATHERTON, *National Commander*
- 2:00 P.M. Retirement of Colors.
Adjournment.





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944 — Continued

- 3:00 P.M. Meeting of Convention Committees in The Palmer House:
 Americanism, Room 7, 3rd Floor
 Child Welfare, Room 11, 3rd Floor
 Constitutional Amendments Room 9, 3rd Floor
 Education of Orphans of Veterans, Rooms 15-16, Club Floor
 Finance, Room 4, 3rd Floor
 Foreign Relations Room 18, Club Floor
 Internal Organization, Crystal Room, 3rd Floor
 Legislation, Room 6, 3rd Floor
 National Defense Room 14, Club Floor
 Army, Room 14, Club Floor
 Navy, Room 14, Club Floor
 Publications, Room 796, 7th Floor
 Rehabilitation, Room 17, Club Floor
 Resolutions, Room 5, 3rd Floor
 Employment, Room 8, 3rd Floor
- 5:00 P.M. Aeronaautics, Rooms 15-16, Club Floor
 Merchant Marine, Room 4, 3rd Floor
 Civil Defense, Room 796, 7th Floor

Note:

- 7:30 P.M. Distinguished Guests' Banquet, Ballroom, Palmer House
 9:15-9:30 P.M. Possible radio time for General Arnold's address. Still subject to confirmation.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944

PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

- 8:30 A.M. Music.....Ford Motor Company Post No. 173 Band of Dearborn Michigan
 9:00 A.M. Call to Order.....WARREN H. ATHERTON, *National Commander*
 Invocation.....REV. JOHN F. McMANUS, *National Chaplain*
 Advancement of Colors
 Presentation of Distinguished Guests
- 9:30 A.M. Convention Committee Reports:
 Americanism
 Child Welfare
 Education of Orphans of Veterans
- 10:30 A.M. Presentation of American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to
 MR. HENRY FORD.....JOHN R. QUINN (California)
Past National Commander
- 10:40 A.M. Response.....MR. HENRY FORD
- 11:15 A.M. Address.....WILLIAM GREEN, *President, American Federation of Labor*
- 11:45 A.M. Convention Committee Reports:
 Finance
 Foreign Relations
- 12:00 P.M. Address.....HONORABLE NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER,
Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
- 12:30 P.M. Convention Committee Reports:
 Publications
 Rehabilitation
- 1:00 P.M. Remarks.....LT. MITCHELL PAIGE, U.S.M.C.,
Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
- 1:10 P.M. Address.....BRIG. GENERAL ROBERT L. DENIG, *Director,*
Public Relations Division, U. S. Marine Corps
- 1:25 P.M. Presentation of Distinguished Guests
- 1:30 P.M. Address.....LT. GENERAL WILLIAM N. HASKELL, *Director of Civilian Defense*
- 1:45 P.M. Presentation to The American Legion.....MRS. JAMES H. DOOLITTLE
- 2:00 P.M. Report on The American Legion National Americanism Endowment Fund.....ALVIN M. OWSLEY, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*





TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944 — Continued

- 2:10 P.M. Address.....JOHN B. BLANDFORD, JR., *Administrator, National Housing Agency*
 2:25 P.M. Report of National Convention Liaison Committee
 2:30 P.M. Presentation of Distinguished Guests
 2:45 P.M. Retirement of Colors
 Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944

PLACE: CHICAGO COLISEUM

- 8:30 A.M. Music: Musicians Post No. 662, *National Champions of the American Legion*
 9:00 A.M. Call to Order.....WARREN H. ATHERTON, *National Commander*
 Invocation.....REV. JOHN F. MC MANUS, *National Chaplain*
 Advancement of Colors
 9:15 A.M. Presentation of Distinguished Guests
 9:25 A.M. Address.....MR. F. L. SCHLAGLE, *President, National Education Association*
 9:45 A.M. Convention Committee Reports:
 Constitutional Amendments
 Employment
 10:30 A.M. Presentation of American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to
 HONORABLE FRANK KNOX, late Secretary of the Navy
 (Medal to be accepted by MRS. FRANK KNOX.....
 HONORABLE JOHN L. SULLIVAN,
 Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
 10:40 A.M. Response.....MRS. FRANK KNOX
 10:45 A.M. Address.....ROBERT M. GAYLORD, *President*
 National Association of Manufacturers
 11:00 A.M. Convention Committee Reports:
 Internal Organization
 Commission on Post-war America
 Legislative
 11:45 A.M. Remarks.....LT. JOHN WILLIAM FINN, U. S. N.,
 Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
 11:55 A.M. Address.....HONORABLE BASIL O'CONNOR, *Chairman, American Red Cross*
 12:15 P.M. Convention Committee Reports:
 National Defense
 Resolutions
 12:45 P.M. Address.....HONORABLE JAMES FORRESTAL, *Secretary of the Navy*
 1:05 P.M. Address.....CAPTAIN EDWARD A. HAYES, U.S.N.R. (Illinois)
 Past National Commander
 1:20 P.M. Presentation of Medallion to HONORABLE DAN B. BUTLER
 Mayor, City of Omaha
 LT. COLONEL RAYMOND J. KELLY (Michigan) *Past National Commander*
 Response.....HONORABLE DAN B. BUTLER, *Mayor, City of Omaha*
 1:35 P.M. Announcement of Awards.....HENRY H. DUDLEY (Nebraska)
 Assistant National Adjutant
 1:50 P.M. New Business:
 Election of Officers
 2:45 P.M. Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander:
 FRANK N. BELGRANO, JR. (California) *Past National Commander*
 Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander:
 ROANE WARING (Tennessee) *Past National Commander*
 3:00 P.M. Retirement of Colors
 Adjournment
 Note: The National Executive Committee will meet within
 twenty-four hours after the adjournment of the National Con-
 vention, upon call of the National Commander.
 Late afternoon—Hail and Farewell—Columbia—New National Commander over another
 network.





SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944

7:00 P.M. PARADE (Assemble 6:30 P.M.)

Massed Colors—Cook County Musical Organizations, Posts of Cook County
Assemble at Columbus Drive and Monroe Street

Line of march—Monroe Street to State, State to Randolph, Randolph to Sherman Hotel
for Religious and Patriotic Service

FEATURING MASSED COLORS

MOTOROLA CHORUS

JOHN CARTER, CHIEF SPECIALISTS, USNR

FORMERLY WITH METROPOLITAN OPERA

(Courtesy Public Relations 9th District U. S. Navy)

National Commander, WARREN ATHERTON

Governor, DWIGHT L. GREEN

Mayor, EDWARD J. KELLY

All Seats Free — No Ticket Necessary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

6:00-7:30 P.M. COCKTAIL PARTY—Guests of Schenley Post No. 1190, Department
of New York. Admission by tickets pro-rated to Departments. Red
Lacquer Room—Palmer House.

7:30 P.M. THE CHICAGO NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE, DE-
PARTMENT OF ILLINOIS, DINNER TO DISTINGUISHED

GUESTS. Admission by tickets pro-rated to Departments. Entertain-
ment—compliments of Schenley Distillers Corporation. Grand Ball-
room—Palmer House.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944

8:30 A.M. AMERICAN LEGION PRESS ASSOCIATION. Annual Meeting and
Breakfast. Parlor "C"—Hotel Morrison.

4:00-6:00 P.M. SCHLITZ POST NO. 411—DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN—Invites
all Legionnaires to join them in a glass of beer and a snack of Wis-
consin cheese. Grand Ballroom—Hotel Sherman.

4:00-6:00 P.M. TEA FOR VISITING WOMEN LEGIONNAIRES—given by the
Womens Post's of Chicago. NURSES CLUB—8 SOUTH MICHIGAN
AVENUE, CHICAGO.

OBSERVANCE OF ROSH HASHONAH

ORTHODOX SERVICES: CHICAGO LOOP ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE, 16 South
Clark St., Chicago. Rabbi Elias Gamze, officiating.

Sunday, September 17.....6:00 P.M.

Monday, September 18.....8:30 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

Tuesday, September 19.....8:30 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

REFORM SERVICES: TEMPLE SHOLEM, 3480 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. Rabbi
Louis Binstock, officiating.

Sunday, September 17.....8:00 P.M.

Monday, September 18.....10:00 A.M.

Admission by Legion Cap or Delegate badge.





CONVENTION HALL

Coliseum

1513 SO. WABASH AVENUE

Few meeting places in the country possess the romance and historic background of the Coliseum, scene of the 1944 National Convention. The Coliseum has well earned the title, 'Front Door to the White House.' More political conventions have thronged its doors and more famous presidents have been nominated on its floors than in any other auditorium in the land. Here, too, have been seen great athletic carnivals, automobile shows, radio shows, trade shows, the world's best known circuses and fraternal assemblies. The Coliseum has sheltered under its towers veritable millions.

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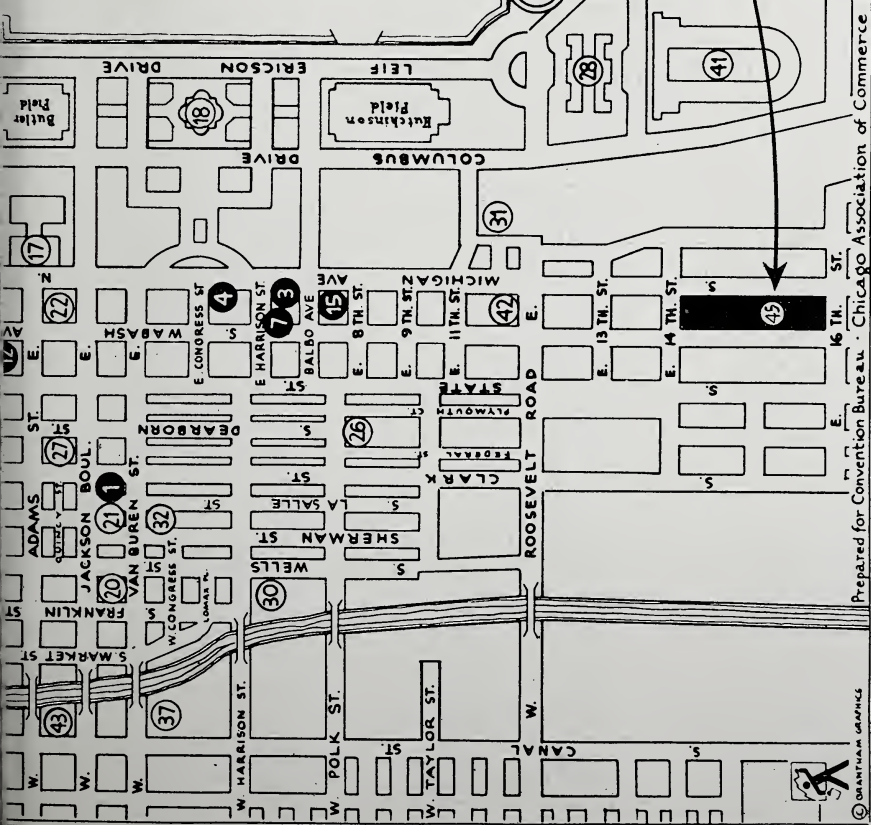
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- 42 Union Bus Station
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Program

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

American Legion Auxiliary

ADVANCE MEETINGS—Sunday, September 17, 1944

10:30 A.M. National Executive Committee Meeting, American Legion Auxiliary,
West Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Stevens Hotel Chicago Illinois.

9:00 A.M. Eight and Forty Pouvoir Meeting.

1:30 P.M. Eight and Forty Marche Nationale

CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS—Stevens Hotel

12:30 P.M. *Credentials*—Private Dining Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Lee Moore, *Chairman*

1:30 P.M. *Americanism*—West Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. R. Elton Warman, *Chairman*

Community Service and Music—Private Dining Room No. 1, 3rd Floor,
Mrs. Archie W. Miller, *Chairman*

Junior Activities—South Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Oliver Phillips,
Chairman

Legislation—Room 13, 4th Floor, Mrs. Willis C. Read, *Chairman*

National Defense—Private Dining Room No. 4, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Norman I.
Sheche, *Chairman*

Permanent Organization—Room 21, 4th Floor, Mrs. A. W. Plachte,
Chairman

Radio—North Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. D. Luciuc Conant,
Chairman

Rehabilitation and Employment—Private Dining Room Number 2, 3rd
Floor, Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, *Chairman*

Rules—Room 20, 4th Floor, Mrs. Anna H. Ward, *Chairman*

3:30 P.M. *Child Welfare and Education of Orphans of Veterans*—Private Dining
Room 2, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, *Chairman*

Constitution and By-Laws—North Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. James
P. Murphy, *Chairman*





Finance—West Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Charles Shager, *Chairman*

Membership—South Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Thomas Tracey, *Chairman*

Poppy—Private Dining Room No. 1, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Lutie Long Smith, *Chairman*

Pan American Study—Room 21, 4th Floor, Mrs. John T. Batten, *Chairman*

Publication—Room 13, 4th Floor, Mrs. Harold Diers, *Chairman*

Resolutions—Room 20, 4th Floor, Mrs. Leon Bristol, *Chairman*

War Activities—Private Dining Room No. 4, 4th Floor, Mrs. David McClung, *Chairman*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

9:00 A.M. ATTENDANCE AT OPENING OF NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

1:30 P.M. OPENING SESSION—National Convention, American Legion Auxiliary, Ballroom, Stevens Hotel, Chicago

RACINE DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

Processional of National Officers and Distinguished Guests

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith

Advance of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. R. Elton Warman, *National Americanism Chairman*

Invocation: Mrs. E. F. Hussman, *National Chaplain*

THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER: John Carter

Reading of the Call to the Convention—Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, *National Secretary*

Greetings from the Department of Illinois by the Department President, American Legion Auxiliary

2:30 P.M. Greetings by the National Vice Presidents:

Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, *Central Division*

Mrs. William N. Cann, *Eastern Division*

Mrs. Walter G. Craven, *Southern Division*

Mrs. Hurlburt Anderson, *Northwestern Division*

Mrs. Rae Ashton, *Western Division*

Annual Report of the National President by Mrs. Lawrence Smith

Reports of National Officers:

Mrs. Gwendolyn Wiggin MacDowell, *National Secretary*

Mrs. Cecilia Wenz, *National Treasurer*

Mrs. Grace Gilbert King, *National Historian*





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

Greetings by the National Chaplain, Mrs. E. F. Hussman

Greetings by the Past National Presidents:

Mrs. Lowell F. Hobart
Mrs. Franklin Lee Bishop
Mrs. J. W. Macauley
Mrs. Robert Walbridge
Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr.
Mrs. Donald Macrae, Jr.
Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal
Mrs. Frederick C. Williams
Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn
Mrs. William H. Biester, Jr.
Mrs. Albin C. Carlson
Mrs. Melville Mucklesone
Mrs. O. W. Hahn
Mrs. Malcolm Douglas
Mrs. James Morris
Mrs. William Corwith
Mrs. Louis J. Lemstra
Mrs. Mark W. Murrill
Mrs. Alfred J. Mathebat

Solo: John Carter

Presentation of Convention Chairmen by the National Chairman of the Convention Committee, Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe

Presentation of National President's Pages:

Mrs. M. H. Ehlert, *National Chairman*
Mrs. Leo J. Kelley, *Vice Chairman*
Mrs. C. D. Williams
Mrs. W. C. Alexander
Mrs. Louis A. Bandelin
Mrs. Gladys Westover

4:00 P.M. Address—Mr. Warren H. Atherton, *National Commander*, The American Legion

Reports of Convention Committees:

Permanent Organization—Mrs. A. W. Plachte, *Chairman*
Credentials—Mrs. Lee E. Moore, *Chairman*
Rules—Mrs. Anna H. Ward, *Chairman*

Address—Mrs. Luce or Mrs. Bolton

Reports of Convention Committees:

Constitution and By-Laws—Mrs. James P. Murphy, *Chairman*

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

DIVISIONAL CAUCUSES

(To meet immediately following adjournment of Convention session)

Central Division—South Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Norton H. Pearl,
Vice President





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944 — Continued

Eastern Division—North Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. William N. Cann,
Vice President

Northwestern Division—North Assembly Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Hurlburt
Anderson, Vice President

Southern Division—West Ball Room, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Walter G. Craven,
Vice President

Western Division—Private Dining Room No. 2, 3rd Floor, Mrs. Rae Ashton,
Vice President

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944

9:30 A.M. CONVENTION CONVENES—Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Lawrence Smith

Advance of Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mrs. R. Elton Warman, National
Americanism Chairman

Invocation: Mrs. E. F. Hussman, National Chaplain

Nomination of National Officers

Reports of Convention Committees:

Americanism—Mrs. R. Elton Warman, National Chairman

Child Welfare—Mrs. Lee W. Hutton, National Chairman

Community Service—Mrs. Archie W. Miller, National Chairman

Finance—Mrs. Charles Shager, National Chairman

ADDRESS—Louis Johnson

Postwar—Mrs. O. W. Hahn, National Chairman

Junior Activities—Mrs. Oliver Phillips, National Chairman

Legislative—Mrs. Willis C. Reed, National Chairman

Presentation of Distinguished Guests

ADDRESS—Lt. John Mason Brown, U.S.N.R.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

2:00 P.M. CONVENTION RECONVENES—Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

Reports of Convention Committees:

Membership—Mrs. Charles Earner, National Vice Chairman

National Defense—Mrs. Norman L. Sheeche, National Chairman

Pan American Study—Mrs. John T. Batten, National Chairman

Governor of Tennessee





TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944 — Continued

2:45 P.M. ADDRESS.....MR. NELSON ROCKEFELLER
Coordinator Inter-American Affairs

Reports of Convention Committees:

Past Presidents' Parley—Mrs. Melville Muckleston, National Chairman
Poppy—Mrs. Lutie Long Smith, National Chairman

3:30 P.M. ADDRESS.....HONORABLE PRENTICE COOPER,

Report of Eight and Forty by Mrs. Margaret Delles, Le Chapeau National
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1944

9:30 A.M. CONVENTION CONVENES—Ballroom, Stevens Hotel

Call to Order by the National President, Mrs. Lawrence Smith
Advance to Colors

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Mrs. R. Elton Warman, National
Americanism Chairman

Invocation: Mrs. E. F. Hussman, National Chaplain

Reports of Convention Committees:

Publication Committee—Mrs. Harold Diers, National Chairman
Radio—Mrs. D. Lucius Conant, National Chairman
Rehabilitation—Mrs. Charles B. Gilbert, National Chairman
War Activities—Mrs. David McClung, National Chairman

RACINE GLEE CLUB

ADDRESS—Col. Warren J. Clear, U. S. Army

Election of National Officers

Report of Convention Committee:

Resolutions—Mrs. Leon Bristol, Chairman

Unfinished Business

New Business

Presentation of newly-elected National Commander of The American
Legion

Installation of Officers

Presentation of Colors

Retirement of Colors

Adjournment

Post Convention Executive Committee Meeting

Mrs. Harold Peterson, Convention Pianist





OSCAR C. LAMP
Chef de Chemin de Fer
N. CARL NIELSEN
National Commissaire Intendant
CHARLES W. ARDERY
National Correspondent



TWENTY-FIFTH PROMENADE NATIONALE

La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux

Chicago, Illinois, September 17-18, 1944.

REGISTRATION: At Forty and Eight Headquarters, La Salle Hotel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944

- 5:00 P.M. MEETING OF CHEMINOTS NATIONAUX
(National Executive Committee)
Lincoln Room, LaSalle Hotel
- 5:30 P.M. MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
Committee Room, LaSalle Hotel
- 5:30 P.M. MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER
Committee Room, LaSalle Hotel
- 5:30 P.M. MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION
Committee Room, LaSalle Hotel
OPENING SESSION: GRAND BALL ROOM, LASALLE HOTEL
- 9:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER BY: Chef de Chemin de Fer,
Oscar C. Lamp
Advancement of Colors
Invocation by Acting Aumonier National Rev. C. N. Bittle
Reading of Call for Promenade Nationale by: Correspondant National
Greetings:
Andrew J. Cress, Chef de Gare Voiture Locale 220, Chicago, Illinois
Cy Trowbridge, Grand Chef de Gare 1944, Illinois
Honorable Dwight L. Green Governor of Illinois
Honorable Edward J. Kelly, Mayor of Chicago
Warren H. Atherton, National Commander, The American Legion
Response by: Chef de Chemin de Fer, Oscar C. Lamp
- 11:00 P.M. MEMORIAL SERVICE, Acting Aumonier National Rev. C. N. Bittle
- 11:30 P.M. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON:
1. Credentials
2. Permanent Organization
3. Rules and Order
- 11:45 P.M. REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:
1. Chef de Chemin de Fer
2. Commissaire Intendant National
3. Correspondant National
4. Historian National
5. Avocat National
- 12:00 P.M. Announcements, Committee Appointments, etc.
Retirement of Colors
Recess





MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1944

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION at Forty and Eight Headquarters, LaSalle Hotel
Meeting of all Committees except Credentials, Permanent Organization and Rules and Order, in Committee rooms, LaSalle Hotel

3:30 P.M. PROMENADE NATIONALE: Grand Ball Room, LaSalle Hotel

Call to Order by Chef de Chemin de Fer Oscar C. Lamp

Advancement of Colors

Invocation by Acting Aumonier National, Rev. C. N. Bittle

Reports of Committees on:

1. Ritual
2. Paraphernalia
3. Voiture Activities
4. Financé
5. Resolutions
6. Child Welfare
7. Constitution
8. Trophies and Awards

4:30 P.M. NEW BUSINESS

4:45 P.M. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1945

Retirement of Colors

Benediction by Aumonier National 1945

Adjournment

Meeting of Cheminots Nationaux 1945 immediately following adjournment of Promenade Nationale





MRS. VALENTINE DELLES
Le Chapeau Nationale



MRS. GEORGE G. SPEIR
Le Secrétaire Nationale

Program

La Boutique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarantee Femmes

Chicago, Illinois, Saturday, September 16, 1944.

REGISTRATION (50 cents) 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Lobby Stevens Hotel

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Contact 8 et 40 Information Booth, Stevens Hotel

RECEPTION—Informal Open House, for Les Chapeaux et Secrétaires Départementaux
and National Officers

5:00 to 7:00 P.M. National 8 et 40 Headquarters Suite

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Registration (50 cents) Stevens Lobby

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Outside Tower Room

9:00 A.M. Divisional Caucuses, Room 417, Stevens Hotel
Pouvoir Members only

11:00 A.M. Divisional Caucuses, Room 417, Stevens Hotel

12 NOON Fellowship Luncheon—North Ballroom, Third Floor
By reservation only

1:30 P.M. Opening Session, La Marche Nationale, Tower Room
Processional of National Officers

Le Chapeau National escorted by Seaman Patricia Ballard, U.S.N.R.

Led by La Concierge National, Hazel Sacco





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944 — Continued

Colors advanced by La Surintendante Ruth Allard and Assistant Louise Geer.

Honorary Marshals, Esther Egert and Eda Zimmerman

Call to Order—Le Chapeau Nationale Margaret Delles

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag—Led by La Concierge Hazel Sacco

Invocation—L'Aumonier National Mary Corwin

"In Flanders Fields", Le Demi-Chapeau National Hazel Patridge

"America's Answer" Le Demi-Chapeau National Mary Dana

Song: "Long, Long Trail," Led by Florence Herring

Roll Call—La Secrétaire Nationale Marguerite Speir

Reading of Call to La Marche Nationale

Reading of Minutes of La Marche, 1943, and Les Pouvoirs, 1943

Introduction of National Officers and Chairmen and Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes

Song of Welcome—Esther Leervig

Greetings: General Chairman The American Legion Auxiliary Convention

Mrs. Norman L. Sheehe

General Chairman La Marche Nationale 8 et 40

Mrs. Rose Erickson

Response: La Surintendante Nationale Ruth Allard

Greetings from Distinguished Guests:

National Commander of The American Legion, Mr. Warren H. Atherton

Response: Mrs. Ellen Louise Warren, Chairman of Distinguished Guests

National President The American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith

Response: Mrs. Madeliene Swanner, Le Demi-Chapeau National, Western Division

Le Chef de Chemin de Fer, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Mr. Oscar Lamp, Escorted by Le Chef de Gare Andrew Cress, Voiture 220

Response: Mrs. Eve Fortune, L'Archviste Nationale

Department President, Illinois American Legion Auxiliary

Mrs. Ralph C. Webber

Response: Mrs. Louise Geer, Le Chapeau Departemental d'Illinois

Assistant National Adjutant The American Legion

Mr. Elbert Burns

Response: Mrs. Helen Busser, Le Demi-Chapeau National, Central Division

Reports of La Marche Nationale Special Committees:

Permanent Organization—Mrs. Carol Mortenson, Nebraska

Mrs. Myra Perkins, Connecticut

Mrs. Dora Trowbridge, Utah

Rules and Orders—Mrs. Gene Minium, California

Mrs. Hattie Whitman, Indiana

Mrs. Laura Bidelman, Pennsylvania

Credentials—Mrs. Esther Griesmeyer, New York

Mrs. Lenore McGee, Ohio

Mrs. Meryle Ahnemiller, Washington

American Legion Auxiliary Initiation

Exemplified by The National Capitol Ritual Team

Le Salon Departemental, District of Columbia,

Mrs. Rae Zaontz, Captain

Reports of National Officers:

Le Chapeau National Margaret Delles

Les Demi-Chapeaux Nationaux:

Eastern, Mrs. Hazel Patridge, Maine

Southern, Mrs. Agnes George, Texas

Central, Mrs. Helen Busser, Ohio

Northwestern, Mrs. Mary Dana, Nebraska

Western, Mrs. Madeliene Swanner, Utah





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1944 — Continued

Report of La Secretaire—Caissiere National Marguerite Speir
Reports:

L'Archiviste Nationale Eve Fortune, N. Y.
L'Aumonier National Mary Corwin, D. C.
La Concierge Nationale Hazel Sacco, N. J.
La Surintendante Nationale Ruth Allard, Ill.
L'Avocate Nationale Dorothy Harper, D. C.
l'Organisatrice Florence Kellogg, Ill.

Memorial Service—L'Aumonier National Mary Corwin
Assisted by L'Aumonier Departemental Florence Stauffer and
L'Aumonier Petit Esther Volkman

Music: The Cook County Council American Legion Auxiliary Chorus

Reports of Standing Committee:

CHILD WELFARE—Mrs. Mary Ellen Fay, Director

Area Chairmen: A. Mrs. Elsie Wurtz, R. I.
B. Mrs. Ethel V. Murphy, N. Y.
C. Mrs. Pauline Carlson, Ark.
D. Mrs. Alice Gordon, Mo.
E. Mrs. Vera Thomas, Ariz.

Hospital Chairman—Mrs. Florence Taylor, Colorado

PARTNERSHIP—Mrs. Thelma Chenault, Director

Area Chairmen: A. Mrs. Mildred Juckett, Conn.
B. Mrs. Jeanne Nimal, W. Va.
C. Mrs. Frances Low, Tenn.
D. Mrs. Jessie Huish, Ind.
E. Mrs. Bessie Cooper, Calif.

HAT BOX SUBSCRIPTIONS—Mrs. Corinne Craig, Director

Area Chairmen: A. Mrs. Anna Joy, N. H.
B. Mrs. Agnes Snell, N. Y.
C. Mrs. Frances Casserly, La.
D. Mrs. Minette Hageman, Mo.
E. Mrs. Glory Cusick, Nev.

Ritual and Regalia Report—Mrs. Frances Whelan, Neb. Chairman

Mrs. Mabelle Dever, Mass. Mrs. Ida Owens, Okla.

Constitution and By-Laws Report—Mrs. Mary McClung, Va. Chairman

Mrs. Lucille Freeman, Ore. Mrs. Myrtle Nance, Ill.

Salon Activities Report—Mrs. Pauline Rairdon, Director

Hat Box and Publicity Report—Mrs. Helen Forbes, Editor

Finance Report—Mrs. Hazel Davis, Colo. Chairman

Mrs. Daisy Whitehead, Fla. Mrs. Mary Haws, Pa.

Trophies and Awards—Mrs. Mary Doty, Pa. Chairman

Mrs. Marion Riley, Vt. Miss Alma Anderson, S. D.

Resolutions Report—Mrs. Lucille Milner, Ill. Chairman

Mrs. Eunice Lowe, Mass. Mrs. Marguerite Paullin, S. D.

New Business: Nomination and Election of New Officers

Ratification of divisional elections of Les Demi-Chapeaux Nationaux

Presentation of newly elected officers

Installation of New Officers

Announcements

Color Retired—Adjournment

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1944

8:00 P.M. Le Pouvoir National, Room 416, Steven Hotel

Pouvoir Members Only

Call to order by Le Chapeau National Passe Margaret Delles

Unfinished Business

Presentation of gavel to newly elected Chapeau National

New Business—Announcements

Adjournment





JAMES P. RINGLEY

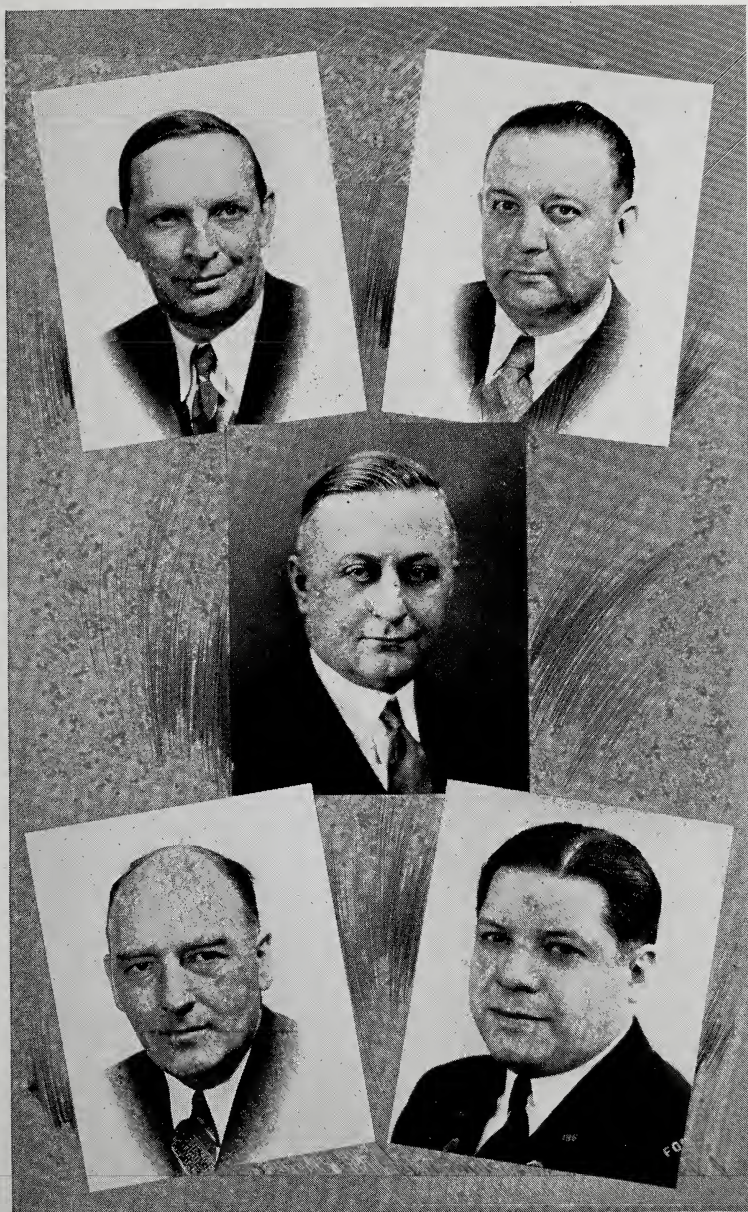
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Alabama.....	{ Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500 Chicagooan, 67 W. Madison.....AND. 4000
Alaska.....	La Salle, LaSalle & Madison.....FRA. 0700
Arizona.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400
Arkansas.....	{ Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500 Atlantic, 316 S. Clark.....WAB. 2646
California.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400
Canada.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500
Colorado.....	{ LaSalle, LaSalle & Madison.....FRA. 0700 Brevoort, 120 W. Madison.....FRA. 2363
Connecticut.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400
Delaware.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500
District of Columbia.....	{ Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400 Morrison, Clark & Madison.....FRA. 9600
Florida.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....FRA. 9600
France.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500
Georgia.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....FRA. 9600
Hawaii.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500
Idaho.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....FRA. 9600
Illinois.....	{ Sherman, Clark & Randolph.....FRA. 2100 Bismarck, 171 W. Randolph.....CEN. 0123
Indiana.....	{ Sherman, Clark & Randolph.....FRA. 2100 Knickerbocker, 163 E. Walton.....SUP. 4264
Iowa.....	{ Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500 Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn.....RAN. 6100
Kansas.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400
Kentucky.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....FRA. 9600
Louisiana.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500
Maine.....	La Salle, LaSalle & Madison.....FRA. 0700
Maryland.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400
Massachusetts....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....FRA. 9600
Mexico.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....RAN. 7500
Michigan.....	{ Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400 Harrison, 65 E. Harrison.....HAR. 8000
Minnesota.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....WAB. 4400





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Mississippi.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
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Montana.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....	FRA. 9600
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New Hampshire..	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
New Jersey.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
New Mexico.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
New York.....	Drake, Lake Shore Drive & Michigan....	SUP. 2200
North Carolina..	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....	RAN. 7500
North Dakota....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....	FRA. 9600
Ohio.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....	FRA. 9600
Oklahoma.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
Oregon.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....	FRA. 9600
Panama.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....	RAN. 7500
Pennsylvania....	La Salle, LaSalle & Madison.....	FRA. 0700
Puerto Rico.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....	RAN. 7500
Rhode Island....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
South Carolina..	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
South Dakota....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
Tennessee.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....	RAN. 7500
Texas.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
Utah.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
Vermont.....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
Virginia.....	Palmer House, State & Monroe.....	RAN. 7500
Washington.....	Morrison, Clark & Madison.....	FRA. 9600
West Virginia....	Stevens, 720 S. Michigan.....	WAB. 4400
Wisconsin.....	Bismarck, 171 W. Randolph.....	CEN. 0123
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Chicago Conven- tion Committee.	Room 952, Palmer Hse., State & Monroe..	RAN. 7500





1944 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

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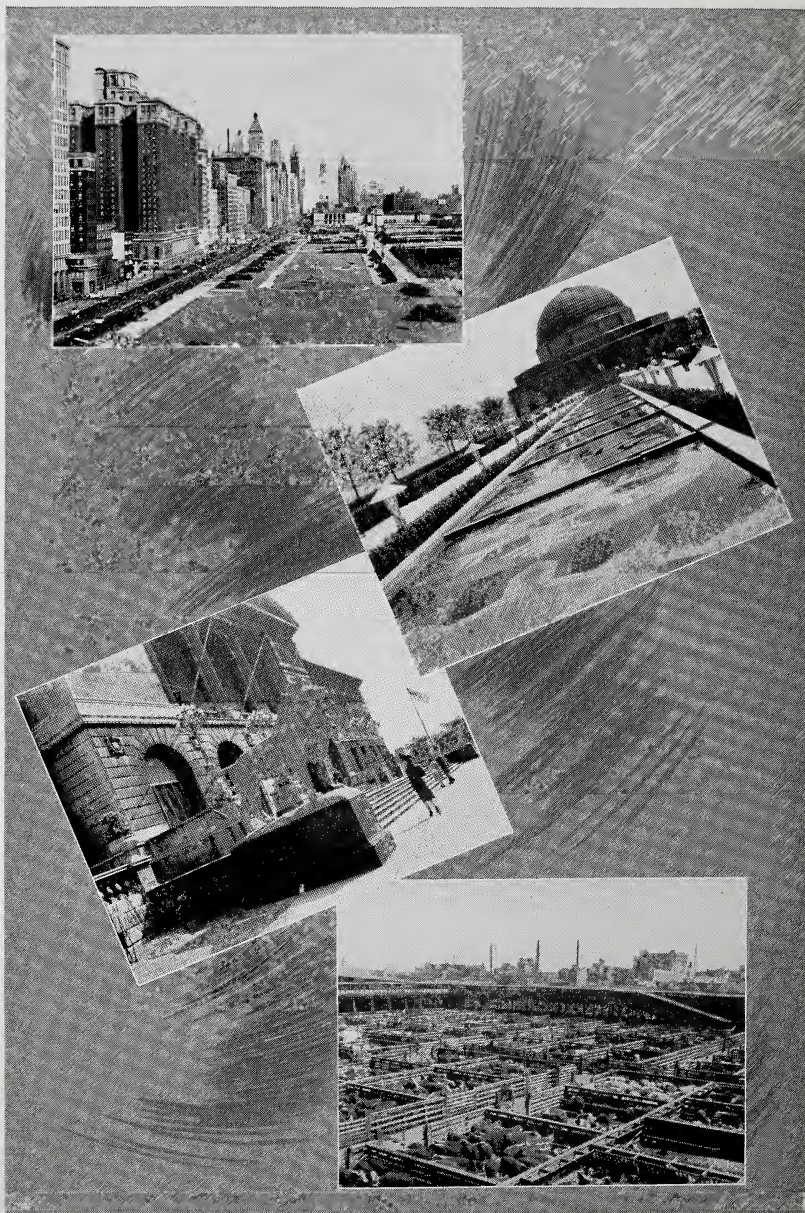
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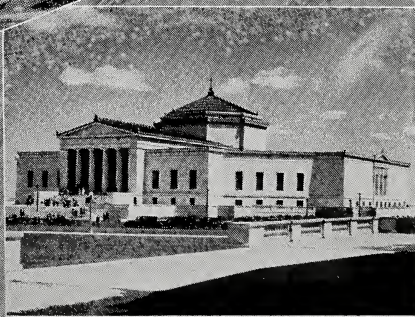
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